

Health Care PKI Working Group

October 22, 2002

The meeting opened with review and approval of the minutes of the September 24 meeting. These minutes are posted on the Federal PKI Steering Committee web site under the Health Care Working Group.

Jason Goldwater of CMS/HHS gave a presentation titled:

Where We Are...

Where We Want to Go...

A Philosopher's Guide to the First Year of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

This very informative and interesting presentation covered the major aspects of HIPAA, including its purpose, benefits, industry concerns, Administrative Simplification Compliance Act (ASCA), compliance, costs of compliance, privacy, upcoming rules, proposed identifiers, security requirements, claims and changes to existing standards. It also included an overview of Consolidated Health Informatics (CHI) E-Gov initiative, which will endorse government-wide health information interoperability standards. CHI will assure alignment with HIPAA transaction records, code sets, security and privacy. The HIPAA information was intertwined with quotes and concepts from various philosophers. It cast and explained HIPAA concepts in the context of these philosophical concepts.

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The status of the Health Care PKI Pilots is as follows:

- ◆ SSA & VA – Secure Exchange of Medical Evidence – Phase I continues to operate with minor adjustments and enhancements. One of the goals of Phase II is to expand to additional sites and add additional types of messages. For VA's part of Phase II, money for the next task order is at GSA, it is planned that it will be awarded in December. SSA's part of Phase II is in review by SSA's Systems Office.

- ◆ Western Governor's Association - Health Passport –A task order was awarded for GSA ACES RFP titled “Health Passport Phase II Systems Assessment, Feasibility, Detail Design Architecture & Test” on September 30. It calls for the following deliverables:

- ⇒ Requirements Document,
- ⇒ Feasibility Assessment report, and
- ⇒ Detailed Systems Design & Architecture Document.

Products are due 180 days after award.

- ◆ NIH – Educause – Higher Education Electronic Grant Application Process Utilizing the Federal Bridge Certification Authority and the Higher Education Bridge Certification Authority – Our primary contact on this project was unable to attend the meeting; we will get a status at the next meeting.

The next regular Health Care PKI Working Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2002 from 10:00 am to Noon, Room 405A at the HHH Building in Washington, DC.

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